

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020. The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020 were ordered reported, as amended.

KEY DESIGN COMPONENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Key Design Components and Considerations for Establishing a Single-Payer Health Care System”. Testimony was heard from the following Congressional Budget Office officials: Mark Hadley, Deputy Director; Jessica Banthin, Deputy Assistant Director for Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis; and Jeffrey Kling, Associate Director for Economic Analysis.

ENGINES OF ECONOMIC MOBILITY: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS IN PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled “Engines of Economic Mobility: The Critical Role of Community Colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions in Preparing Students for Success”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LIFT AMERICA: MODERNIZING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “LIFT America: Modernizing Our Infrastructure for the Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE ANNUAL TESTIMONY OF THE TREASURY ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System, Part II”. Testimony was heard from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS IN SYRIA: THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Searching for Solutions in Syria: The Trump Administration's Strategy”. Testimony was heard from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement and Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, Department of State.

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Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2615, the “United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act”; H.R. 2744, the “USAID Branding Modernization Act”; H.R. 598, the “Georgia Support Act”; H.R. 2140, the “Preventing Child Marriage Act”; H.R. 2023, the “Protect European Energy Security Act”; H.R. 2046, the “Energy Diplomacy Act”; H. Res. 129, condemning the Government of Saudi Arabia's continued detention and alleged abuse of women's rights activists; H. Res. 372, expressing concern for the United States-Turkey alliance; H. Res. 345, recognizing widening threats to freedoms of the press and expression around the world, reaffirming the centrality of a free and independent press to the health of democracy, and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority of the United States. H.R. 2615, H.R. 2140, H.R. 2023, H.R. 2046, H. Res. 129, and H. Res. 345 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2744, H.R. 598, and H. Res. 372 were ordered reported, without amendment.

A REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Kevin K. McAleenan, Acting Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2820, the “Dream Act of 2019”; H.R. 2821, the “American Promise Act of 2019”; and H.R. 549, the “Venezuela TPS Act of 2019”. H.R. 2820, H.R. 2821, and H.R. 549 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 182, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission;

H.R. 307, the “Preserving America’s Battlefields Act”; H.R. 473, to authorize the Every Word We Utter Monument to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1088, the “FIRST Act”; H.R. 1130, the “Fort Pillow National Battlefield Park Study Act”; H.R. 1179, the “African-American Burial Grounds Network Act”; H.R. 1248, the “York River Wild and Scenic River Act of 2019”; H.R. 1472, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park; H.R. 1487, the “Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Study Act”; H.R. 1727, the “Complete America’s Great Trails Act”; H.R. 2369, the “Long Island Aviation History Act”; H.R. 2427, the “Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 2490, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 2525, to establish the Steel Valley National Heritage Area in the States of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryan, Pingree, Smith of Nebraska, Fortenberry, Connolly, Adams, Sarbanes, Rush, Marshall, Keating, and Neguse; P. Daniel Smith, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

RESPONDING TO THE GLOBAL ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “Responding to the Global Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY (PART 1): ITS IMPACT ON OUR CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Facial Recognition Technology (Part 1): Its Impact on our Civil Rights and Liberties”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING FOR-PROFIT COLLEGE OVERSIGHT AND STUDENT DEBT

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Examining For-Profit College Oversight and

Student Debt”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Madaio, Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Maryland Office of the Attorney General; and public witnesses.

SECURING U.S. ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROTECTING POLITICAL DISCOURSE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on National Security Hearing held a hearing entitled “Securing U.S. Election Infrastructure and Protecting Political Discourse”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Adam Hickey, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; Christy McCormick, Chairwoman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission; Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner, U.S. Federal Election Commission; Bill Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION AND THE SMALL BUSINESS WORKFORCE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Immigration and the Small Business Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: DRRR IMPLEMENTATION AND FEMA READINESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Disaster Preparedness: DRRR Implementation and FEMA Readiness”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Kaniewski, Deputy Administrator for Resilience, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

MISSION CRITICAL: CARING FOR OUR HEROES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a joint hearing entitled “MISSION Critical: Caring for our Heroes”. Testimony was heard from Dr. Steven Lieberman, M.D., Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elyse Kaplan, Deputy Director, Caregiver Support Program, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Alan Constantian, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Account Management, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carol C.

Harrism, Director for Information Technology Acquisition Management, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EFFECTIVENESS: RESPONDING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERSIGHT AGENCIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Improving the Department of Veterans Affairs Effectiveness: Responding to Recommendations from Oversight Agencies". Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Michael Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ENFORCEMENT IN THE NEW NAFTA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "Enforcement in the New NAFTA". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE 2020 CENSUS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic impacts of the 2020 Census and business uses of Federal data, after receiving testimony from Andrew Reamer, George Washington University Institute of Public Policy, Howard Fienberg, Insights Association, and Nicholas Eberstadt, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Mallory Bateman, University of Utah Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, Salt Lake City.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act in action, focusing on the benefits of economic diplomacy, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine resources needed to protect and secure the homeland, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, markup on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 8:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 10 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled "Summer Driving Dangers: Exploring Ways to Protect Drivers and their Families", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Insular Areas Medicaid Cliff", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Mission Imperative: Diversity and Inclusion in the Intelligence Community", 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Creating a Climate Resilient America", 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, business meeting to consider proposed recommendations on transparency, 9:15 a.m., 2020 Rayburn.